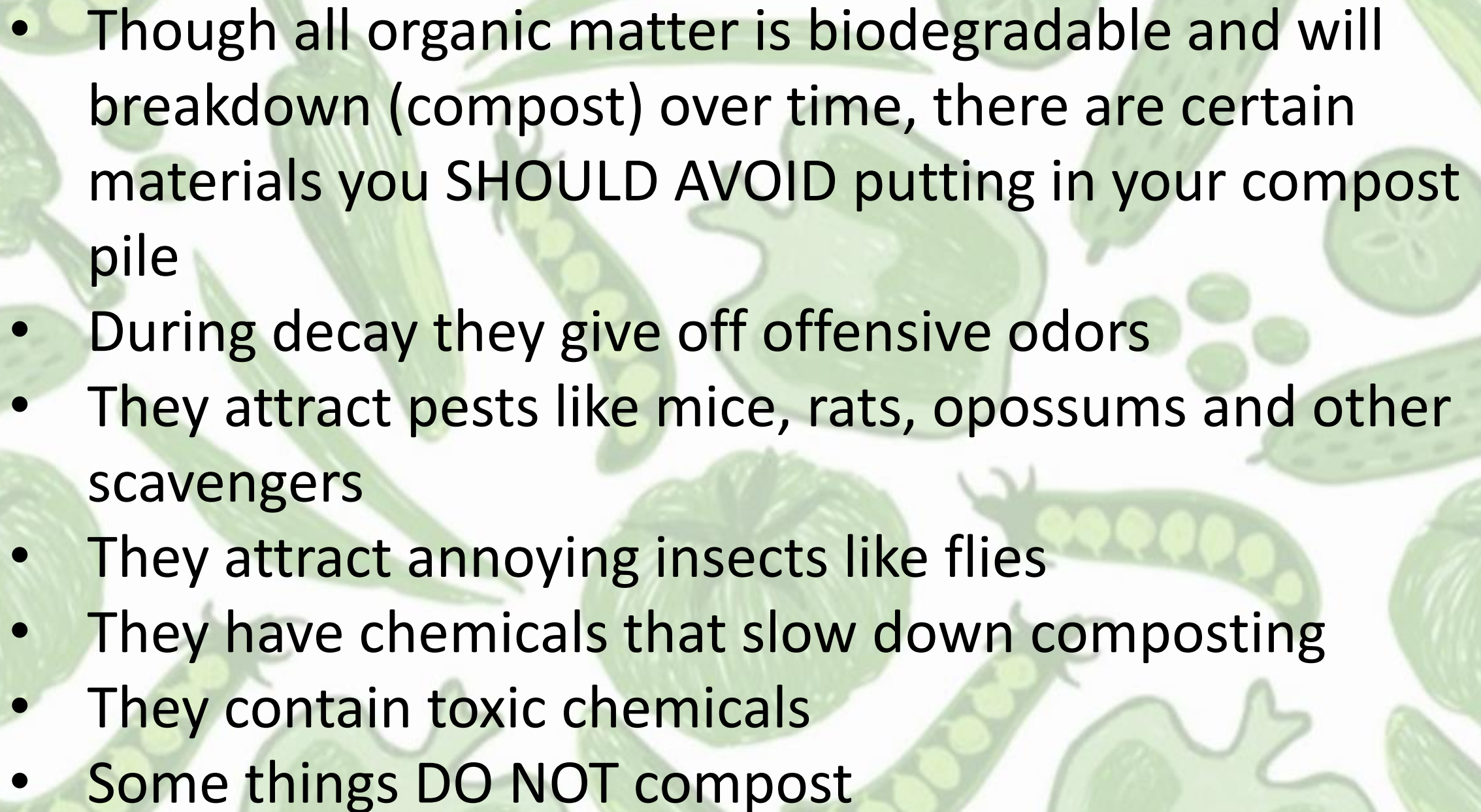


Module 05: What NOT to Put in Your Compost Pile

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- Though all organic matter is biodegradable and will breakdown (compost) over time, there are certain materials you **SHOULD AVOID** putting in your compost pile
 - During decay they give off offensive odors
 - They attract pests like mice, rats, opossums and other scavengers
 - They attract annoying insects like flies
 - They have chemicals that slow down composting
 - They contain toxic chemicals
 - Some things **DO NOT** compost

Things That DO NOT Compost



Staples



Metal



Plastic or Plastic Coated



Styrofoam



Aluminum



Synthetic Materials
(nylon, polyester,
etc.)



Glass

Things That Compost VERY SLOWLY



Rubber



Bones



Compostable Cutlery



Leather



Hair

Things That Emit Foul Odors or Attract Pests & Flies



Dairy Products



Oils



Bones



Meat Products



Dog & Cat Wastes/Litter



Fish/Seafood Products



Whole eggs raw or cooked



Fats/Lard

Things That Might Be Toxic to Plants or Soil Organisms



Black Walnut Parts



Pressure Treated Wood



Colored Glossy Paper



Charcoal Ash



Diapers



Plant Material
Treated w/ Pesticides



Citrus Peels ?



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